VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

PRESIDENT : Order, order. Before the honourable members proceed to deal with the motions on the Budget, I have to make one observation. I have noticed— I am not uttering a single word by way of criticism because honourable members are naturally interested in the motions put forward by them—that there are a very large number of motions, numbering 106 under the heading 'Land Revenue and Taxes on Income', most of which appear to be matters of comparatively little importance. The result of the procedure would be, in the first place to take up the whole day over discussions of comparatively small importance and big matters may be crowded out. But there is something more important than that which I wish to bring to the notice of the honourable members. Year after year, I have noticed that this House never seems to get beyond 14 or 15 items in the Demand Paper, with the result that many Demands which really demand attention escape any scrutiny by the Legislature. My suggestion, it can only be a suggestion and a recommendation in the nature of things, is that if honourable members would concentrate on 3 or 4 matters of big principle in each Demand, that may really conduce to better ventilation of popular views on crucial subjects and may be of greater assistance to Government in their administration. And moreover, it would indeed be an advantage to Government as it would be to the honourable members themselves in that they could traverse the whole ground of administration and deal with all the demands rather than stop with Demand No. 12 or 13. So, from that point of view I would suggest the desirability of honourable members coming together and concentrating on say 40 or 50 cut motions in a big subject like 'Land Revenue' and 10 or 15 on smaller subjects like 'Excise'. In that way more useful discussion may be had and also the honourable members would have more time to deal with the matter at length. This the suggestion.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*) : I have to say a word in this connection. As the order of Demands now stands, it may not be possible for the House to reach some of the very important items which come rather late in the list. At the same time there are items like 'University', 'Census' which we are not particular of discussing. Therefore my suggestion is that Demands numbers V, VIII, IX, and XIII may be placed below XVI and Demand No. XXVIII dealing with Commercial Transport should come above item No. XVI.

The suggestion was put before the House and agreed to.

Demand I—Land Revenue and Taxes on Income.

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 10,13,290 under Demand I—Land Revenue and Taxes on Income.

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